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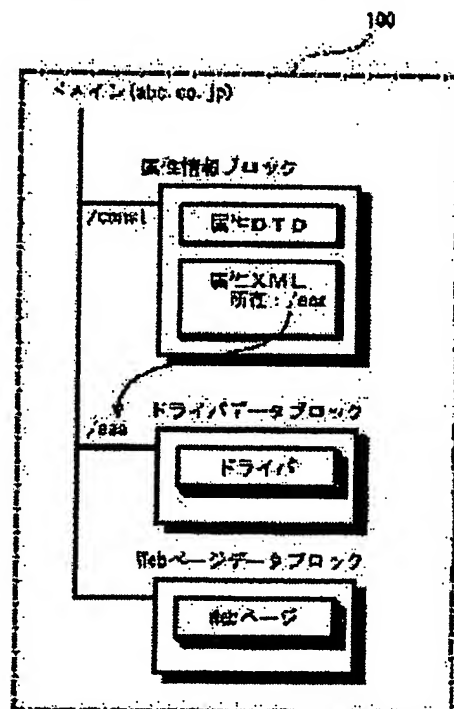
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(54) SYSTEM TO AUTOMATICALLY COLLECT CONTENTS EXISTING ON NETWORK

(57)Abstract:

PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To facilitate the collection of contents which exist on the network.

SOLUTION: Attribute information is stored at a predetermined position under a domain in a server that provides a device driver. The attribute information provides in a XML form the attribute about the driver provided by the server such as the location on the server, correspondent machine types, version, method of installation, platform, etc. If a user of the driver obtains the attribute information from the computer connected to the network and analyzes the content, the user can easily specify the location of the driver no matter how the inside of the server is constructed and make a confirmation from the attribute information as to whether the driver has been updated or not. The automatic acquisition of the updated driver is thus realized easily.



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